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JANUARY CATTLE REPORT

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This report contains the survey results from the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted during the first half of January 2005. Approximately 1,300 cattle operators in Arkansas and 50,000 nationwide provided data for cattle inventory as of January 1, 2005. The survey data are also posted on the Arkansas Statistical Service web site at the internet address above, and more detailed U.S. report at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and interviews for the survey.

ARKANSAS JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UNCHANGED

All cattle and calves in Arkansas as of January 1, 2005, totaled 1.90 million head, the same as in January 1, 2004, but up 3 percent from the 1.85 million head in 2003.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 1.01 million head, were unchanged from January 1, 2004; beef cows, at 984,000 head, up slightly; and **milk cows**, at 26,000 head, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

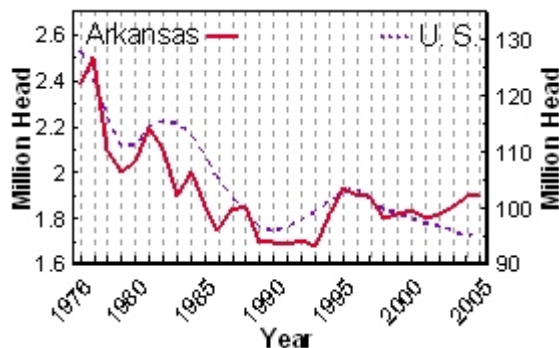
CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS, ARKANSAS AND U. S., JANUARY 1, 2004 - 2005

Cattle and Calves ¹ Class	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2004	2005	% Chg.	2004	2005	% Chg.
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
All Cattle and Calves	1,900	1,900	0	94,888.0	95,848.0	+1
All Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	1,010	1,010	0	41,850.8	42,060.4	+1
Beef Cows That Have Calved	982	984	0	32,861.3	33,055.4	+1
Milk Cows That Have Calved	28	26	-7	8,989.5	9,005.0	0
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	275	255	-7	19,344.5	19,672.6	+2
For Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	180	170	-6	5,518.3	5,745.9	+4
For Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	10	10	0	4,020.0	4,133.3	+3
Other Heifers	85	75	-12	9,806.2	9,793.4	0
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	140	120	-14	16,277.3	16,510.8	+1
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	55	55	0	2,205.9	2,219.3	+1
Calves Under 500 Pounds	420	460	+10	15,209.5	15,384.9	+1
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	10	10	0	13,812.9	13,748.7	0
Calf Crop	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
Calf Crop During Year	860	860	0	37,902.8	37,625.4	-1

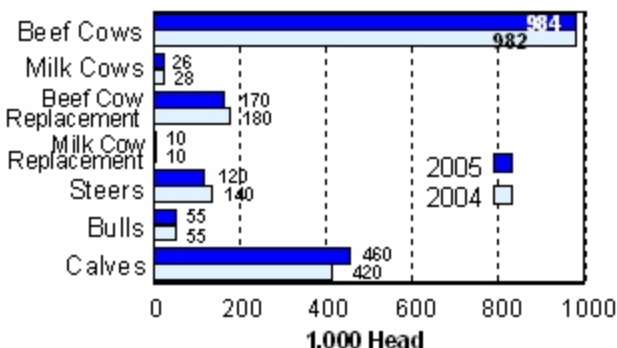
¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

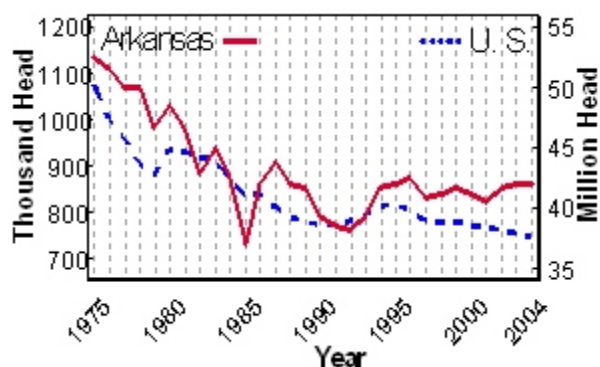
**Cattle Inventory, January 1
Arkansas and U. S., 1976-2005**



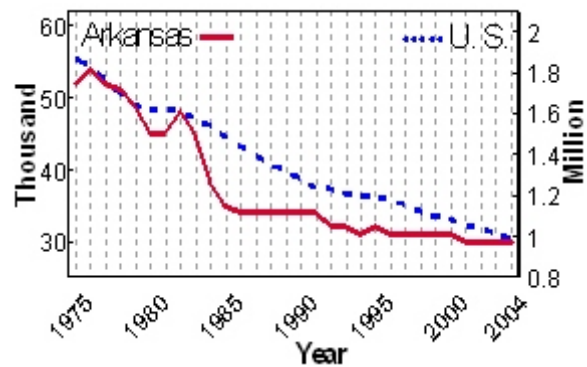
**Cattle Inventory by Class, January 1
Arkansas, 2004-2005**



**Annual Calf Crop
Arkansas and U.S., 1975-2004**



**Number of Cattle and Calf Operations
Arkansas and U.S., 1975-2004**



Number of Cattle and Calf Operations by Class and Size Group, Arkansas and U.S., 2003-2004 ¹

Class and Size Group ²	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
Operation with Cattle and Calves Total	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	30,000	30,000	0	1,013,570	989,460	-2
Number by Size Group:						
1 - 49 Head	19,500	19,500	0	633,200	618,750	-2
50-99 Head	5,700	5,700	0	170,370	163,750	-4
100-499 Head	4,500	4,500	0	182,240	178,530	-2
500-999 Head	230	230	0	17,970	18,445	+3
1,000+ Head	70	70	0	9,790	9,985	+2
Beef Cow Operations Total ³	27,000	27,000	0	792,050	774,630	-2
1 - 49 Head	21,500	21,500	0	620,050	601,650	-3
50-99 Head	3,630	3,630	0	96,255	95,650	-1
100-499 Head	1,820	1,820	0	70,425	72,020	+2
500+ Head	50	50	0	5,320	5,310	0
Milk Cow Operations ^{3 4}	450	400	-11	86,360	81,440	-6
1 - 29 Head	-	-	-	25,045	23,720	-5
30-49 Head	-	-	-	16,805	15,525	-8
50-99 Head	-	-	-	25,800	24,055	-7
100-199	-	-	-	10,980	10,445	-5
200-499	-	-	-	4,765	4,685	-2
500+	-	-	-	2,965	3,010	+2

¹ An operation is any place having one or more head of cattle on hand at any time during the year.

² The three operation classes, cattle, beef cows, and milk cows, are classified into size groups independently. Therefore, it is possible to have more beef cow operations in a particular size group than cattle operations.

³ Included in operations with cattle.

⁴ Arkansas data by size group not available, but included in the U. S. total.